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SUBJECT: SAHARA: ALGERIAN ATTITUDE

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1. ALGERIANS SEEM AS ANXIOUS AS EVER TO APPEAR HARD-LINE ON SAHARA. AS IF BOUTEFLIKA'S MESSAGE TO WALDHEIM REJECTING SAUDI MEDIATION EFFORT (REFTEL) WAS NOT ENOUGH, WE UNDERSTAND FROM WESTERN EMBASSY HERE THAT ALGERIAN AMBASSADOR IN JIDDA ISSUED STRONGLY WORDED DENIAL OF UPI CAIRO SPECULATION ON POSSIBLE BOUMEDIENE-HASSAN SUMMIT. MOST COMMON EXPLANATION HERE FOR TIMING AND STANCE OF BOUTEFLIKA'S MESSAGE IS THAT ALGERIANS, REALIZING THAT SAUDI EFFORT AND SPECULATION ABOUT BOUMEDIENE-HASSAN MEETING WERE PROVIDING OAU MEMBERS WITH EXCUSE TO DUCK QUESTION OF SPECIAL SAHARA SUMMIT, FELT IT NECESSARY PUBLICLY TO REJECT SAUDIS. ALGERIANS CAN NOW BE EXPECTED TO PUSH TO TRY TO GET SPECIAL SUMMIT BACK ON TRACKS.

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2. WE HAVE SEND REPORT THAT ALGERIANS' TACITLY ABANDONING INSISTENCE ON MOROCCAN AND MAURITANIAN WITHDRAWAL FROM SAHARA DURING UN-SPONSORED REFERENDUM. IN ADDITION TO COMMENT BY FOREIGN MINISTR OFFICIAL TO WESTERN EUROPEAN DIPLOMAT (REFTEL), SPANISH AMBASSADOR HERE HAS TOLD US THAT ALGERIANS DROPPED INSISTENCE ON WITHDRAWAL DURING FALL UNGA SESSION. HOWEVER, FOREIGN

MINISTRY OFFICIAL ALSO INDICATED THAT ALGERIANS HAD
NO PLANS TO CURB POLISARIO DURING REFERENDUM.

3. PERHAPS, AS SPANISH AMBASSADOR HAS SUGGESTED TO US,
DEPTH OF EMOTIONAL COMMITMENT ON BOTH SIDES RATHER THAN
SPECIFIC NEGOTIATING POSITIONS, IS HOLDING UP SOLUTION.
IT MAY ALSO BE THAT WHATEVER SOUNDINGS ALGERIANS MAY
HAVE TAKEN WITH THE MOROCCANS CONVINCED THEM THAT TIME
FOR SERIOUS NEGOTIATION NOT RIPE. WHATEVER THE
REASON, ALGERIANS APPEAR TO BE FIRMLY ON SQUARE ONE AT MOMENT.
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